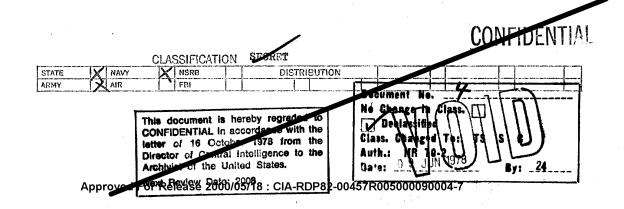
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Fopular Party,
that Maurani wants Dawalibi removed and replaced by Dr. Abd.
al. Wahab Hamad. \*\*
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Shakir al. Ass, member of the Populist Party Executive Committee.

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Comment. Dr. 'Abd-al-Wahab Hamad is the brother of As'sad Hamad, reportedly a Communist Party member. In October 1948 a Syrian lawyer with Soviet contacts reported that Dr. Hamad circulated appeals for Soviet sympathy in Syria and assistance against the partition of Palestine and presented these signed appeals to Soviet authorities.



